

COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2022
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee, and Mr. Zolman. Staff Members present were: Town Manager Tammi Ledley, Assistant Zoning Administrator Jim Roark, Chief of Police Dave Snyder, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Hann, and Human Resources Coordinator Judy Rang.

Guests present were: David Padilla, David Bowersox, Rich Riddle, Amy Riddle, Denise Griffith, Lauren Griffith, Marlene Duff, Larry Hentz, Steve Smith, David Michael, Donald Michael, and Theresa Michael.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of September 13, 2022.** Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Administration of Oath & Badge Ceremony for Officer Bryan Emery.** Chief Snyder detailed the rigorous training course that Officer Emery completed.

Mayor Nevin administered the Oath of Office to Bryan Emery for the Hampstead Police Department.

Hampstead Police Officer Bryan Emery participated in a badge ceremony with his family.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Approval of Agreement with GMB with Changes Acceptable to Consultant Not to Exceed \$50,000.** Mayor Nevin explained that the agreement was for work to be done on the Northern Pump House and Dairy Wells and that it was in addition to three items that were approved at the prior month's Town Council meeting. Mr. Zolman asked for clarification on the scope of the work that was to be completed and why the contract was not going to be bid. Mayor Nevin explained that this contract was for the preliminary engineering plan, and that the general contract and the build would be bid. Mr. Larry Hentz explained that this was for the process design phase of the project.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to approve the Agreement with GMB with Changes Acceptable to Consultant Not to Exceed \$50,000.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **HDR Engineering, Inc. Presentation Regarding PFAS Testing & Removal, Preliminary Engineering, and Project Management Plans.** Mayor

Nevin explained that Mr. Larry Hentz would be giving the presentation and that he had been working with Superintendent of Public Works, Kevin Hann, and Public Works Consultant, Tom Devilbiss, to prepare for upcoming legislation requiring the removal of PFAS from the Town's wells. Mr. Thomas suggested that the presentation be moved to the end of the meeting so that those in attendance for the Annexation Resolution could opt to leave before the presentation begins. Mayor Nevin agreed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Adoption of Annexation Resolution 44 – The Michaels Property, 28.823 acres located along the eastern side of Maryland Route 30.**

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to adopt Annexation Resolution 44 – The Michaels Property, 28.823 acres located along the eastern side of Maryland Route 30.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin restarted the discussion of the **HDR Engineering, Inc. Presentation Regarding PFAS Testing & Removal, Preliminary Engineering, and Project Management Plans.** Mayor Nevin introduced Mr. Hentz of HDR Engineering, Inc.. During the presentation, Mr. Hentz explained the chemical characteristics of PFAS, what products PFAS are used in, and how PFAS travels in water systems. Mr. Hentz explained the negative effects of PFAS exposure and why the EPA was issuing an updated lifetime health risk assessment. Mr. Devilbiss detailed the interactions the Town has had with the Maryland Department of the Environment regarding PFAS, beginning with a statewide sampling program in September of 2020. In November of 2020, MDE notified the Town that they exceeded the health advisory level for PFOA and PFAS, which was then 70 parts per trillion, in wells 24 & 25. The Town immediately stopped using those wells. In December 2020, the Town notified all residents via a letter and a public notice of MDE's findings. The Town began to explore treatment options for wells 24 & 25, while leaving the wells offline. After receiving preliminary treatment proposals, the Town requested a meeting in June 2022 with MDE to discuss the status of the implementation of PFAS monitoring at the State level. MDE asked to defer the meeting due to an expected announcement from the EPA. The meeting occurred in July 2022 after the EPA announcement that the new health advisory level for PFAS was 4 parts per trillion, which had a much broader impact on the Town's water system. The EPA is also expected to release new National Priority Drinking Water Regulations for PFAS in the Fall of 2023. Mr. Devilbiss also stated that MDE is expected to assist with funding to help water systems comply with the new regulations. Mr. Hentz began to discuss the different treatment options for PFAS removal, including granular activated carbon, ion exchange, and reverse osmosis. Mr. Hentz explained that the activated carbon is the only method that destroys PFAS and is the method the Town has decided to implement. He further explained that the types of carbon used can be tailored to match the types of PFAS present in order to be most effective for removal in a water system. Mr. Unglesbee asked if there would be one carbon treatment system per well. Mr. Hentz explained that multiple wells would be treated with a single carbon facility at each point of entry into the water system to keep costs down. He also explained that by preparing the preliminary engineering proposals, the Town hopes to make a case to ask the State to ask for funding to assist with the PFAS removal plan. Mr. Hentz explained that the overall project is expected to cost five to ten million dollars. Mayor Nevin stated that the Town is trying to stay ahead of the regulations in order to be first in line to request funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Marlene Duff wanted to commend two EMTs, Cory and Morgan, for their response when she needed to call 911. She expressed her gratitude to Hampstead's First Responders for their professionalism, courtesy, and compassion.

Mrs. Painter made **a motion to adjourn the meeting**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

ATTEST

MAYOR